MINUTES

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Cahaba Baptist Association,

HELD WITH THE

NEWBERN CHURCH,

GREENE COUNTY, ALA.,

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NEWBERN, GREENE Co., Oct. 14th, 1865, {
Saturday, 11 o'clock, A. M. }

Introductory Sermon by the Rev. L. L. Fox.

Letters read, and names of Delegates enrolled as follows, viz:

CHURCHES.

Hopewell—D. S. Hogue, Bruce Scott, S. R. Freeman.
Bethel—B. Little.
Mt. Gilead—Letter.
Uniontown—L. L. Fox, J. B. Vaiden, G. W. Pollard.
Mt. Pleasant, Tuscaloosa County—J. T. Whatley, J. P. Thompson, M. E. Buck.
Fellowship, Perry County—W. Griffin.
Mt. Zion—M. A. Perry.
Colored Church, Greensboro—S. R. Freeman, J. B. Pool.
Newbern—G. Huckabee, C. C. Huckabee, B. F. Hendon, J. P. Potts, J. A. Hendon.
Siloam—W. H. McIntosh, A. B. Goodhue, W. A. Jones.
Macedonia—B. Seale, F. W. Jones.
Sardis—Carter Tubb, S. Tubb, S. S. Pool.
Union—C. J. Crews, M. Tubb, D. A. Sullivan.
Mt. Eden—J. Rmerd, Wm. Holley.
Newhope—J. M. Stevens, J. M. Lawless.
Pilgrim's Rest—M. C. Wells, R. Hughes.
Antioch—J. Frasier.
Bethsaida—Thomas Kinnaird, H. T. Stringfellow.
Ocmulgee—O. H. Perry.
Uniontown African Baptist Church—J. B. Vaiden.
Pleasant Hill—C. L. Shipley.
Alabama Association—D. R. Lide.
Medline—Letter and Funds.
Shiloh—Letter and Funds.

Organized by the election of Rev. L. L. Fox, Moderator, and A. B. Goodhue, Clerk.

Adjourned till 4 P. M.

Saturday Evening, 4 o'clock.

The Moderator announced the following Committees, viz:

On Education—W. H. McIntosh, D. S. Hogue, J. Rinerd.

On Foreign Missions—J. P. Thompson, J. B. Pool.

On Domestic Missions—S. R. Freeman, O. H. Perry.

On Widows and Orphan's Fund—O. H. Perry, J. Rinerd.

On Finance—C. C. Huckabee, B. Little, J. P. Potts.

On Preaching—Pastor and Deacons Newbern Church, J. Rinerd.

On Religious Instruction of Colored People—L. L. Fox, W. H. McIntosh, S. R. Freeman.

Letters and Documents—M. E. Buck, W. Griffin.

Report of Committee on Sabbath Schools adopted. (App. A.)

Report of Committee on Widows' and Orphans' Fund read and laid on table till Monday morning.

Resolved, To accept the invitation of the Siloam Church to hold our next session with that Church.

Adjourned. Prayer by B. F. Hendon.

Sunday, 12th.

Preaching according to appointment.

Monday, 13th—9 o'clock, A. M.

Prayer by Rev. J. B. Pool.

Roll called and corrected.

Appointed Committee on Temperance—C. C. Huckabee, J. P. Thompson, J. B. Pool.

Appointed Committee to audit Treasurer's account for last year—S. H. Fowlkes, W. B. Lawson.

Invited bro. Spann to a seat in the Association.

Report of Committee on Education adopted. (App. B.)

Report of Committee on Widows' and Orphans' Fund taken from the table and adopted.

Requested brethren Lawless and Tubb to convey the amount collected—viz: $44 80—to sisters Tubb and Sumner, one-third to the former and two-thirds to the latter; also, an additional $5, contributed by sister Huggins to sister Sumner.

Report on Foreign Missions adopted. (App. C.)

Report on Domestic Missions adopted. (App. F.)

Appointed Committee on Indian Missions—W. H. McIntosh.

Report on the Religious Instruction of the Colored People adopted. (App. D.)

Report of Committee on Letters and Documents, that they find nothing claiming attention, adopted.

Report of Committee on Nominations adopted: J. B. Vaiden to preach the Introductory Sermon, and L. C. Tutt, Treasurer.

Appointed Rev. L. L. Fox to write the Letter of Correspondence.

Report on Indian Missions adopted. (App. E.)

Appointed Messengers to Corresponding Bodies:

Alabama Association—M. T. Sumner, A. T. Spalding, O. H. Perry.
Bigbee Association—S. R. Freeman, W. H. McIntosh.
Tuscaloosa Association—J. P. Thompson, Bishop M. E. Buck.
Pine Barren—P. E. Collins.
Unity—O. H. Perry, M. T. Sumner, A. T. Spalding, G. Smith.
Shelby—L. L. Fox, S. R. Freeman.
Bethel—L. L. Fox, J. B. Vaiden, E. G. Baptist.
Mulberry—C. Tubb, J. M. Lawless, J. P. Thompson, J. B. Pool.
State Convention—J. B. Pool, G. W. Pollard, J. M. Lawless, O. H. Perry, J. P. Thompson, B. F. Hendon, P. E. Collins, S. G. Spann, J. A. Hendon, W. Griffin.

Report of Committee on Finance adopted. Associational purposes, $28 50; Minutes, $60 00.

Report on Temperance adopted. (App. G.)

Appointed Standing Committees.

On Education—A. T. Spalding.
On Foreign Missions—S. H. Fowlkes.
On Domestic Missions—M. T. Sumner.
On Temperance—J. B. Vaiden.
On Sabbath Schools—A. J. Battle.
On Religious Instruction of the Colored People—E. G. Baptist.

Unanimously requested of the Moderator a copy of his Introductory Sermon for publication.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Association are due to this community for their liberal hospitality.

Appropriated $28 50 to the Clerk for distributing the Minutes, and $60 00 for printing them.

Adjourned to meet with the Siloam Baptist Church, Marion, on Saturday before the 3d Sunday in October, 1866.

L. L. FOX, Moderator.

A. B. GOODHUE, Clerk.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

(APPENDIX A.)

ON SABBATH SCHOOLS.

Your Committee frankly acknowledges embarrassment in presenting a report on the subject of Sabbath Schools. This embarrassment arises from the fact that so little material exists on which to write a report worthy a place in the Minutes of this Association.

The *importance* of the subject your Committee would not presume to discuss, for that point has been so long settled by an enlightened Christianity that we feel we would be insulting your good sense to argue it here before this body.

The *duty of Christians* to engage in this work, properly denominated the handmaid of the ministry, is another self-evident proposition, and hence we are relieved of the necessity of expansion under this head.

As corollary to the above propositions, we deduce the following inevitable conclusion, viz: Wherever we find a regularly organized church, there we ought to find a Sabbath School.

We might comment a little upon the best method of conducting a Sabbath School, but it is taken for granted that every Superintendent has made this a subject of mature reflection, and that no fault exists here, consequently there is no occasion for lengthening this report.

Respectfully submitted, J. B. VAIDEN.

(APPENDIX B.)

ON EDUCATION.

Our denominational schools at Marion are in operation. The exercises of Howard College were resumed, as far as practicable, on the 2d of October, and students are gradually coming in. The uncertain state of the Endowment Fund forbade the election of a full Faculty. Professors A. B. Goodhue and E. Q. Thornton, and Tutor D. P. Goodhue, compose the Faculty for the present. As the way shall be opened in the future, other chairs will be filled. Thorough instruction will be furnished to all who enter, whether prepared for the regular college classes or not.

The present session of the Judson Female Institute, under the newly selected Principal, Rev. A. J. Battle, has opened with prospects as flattering as at any time in its past history. Never have the facilities for acquiring a complete education at the Judson been finer, and never have its patrons seemed more highly to appreciate them than at present.

W. H. MCINTOSH, Chairman.

(APPENDIX C.)

ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

This benevolent enterprise, inaugurated at such expense, and so affectionately regarded by its friends, has not, during the past four years, received that aid that Christians would desire. But trusting in the God of nations, we look forward to a better day, when the heathen land shall become the habitation of the Lord. We would therefore recommend to this body, and to all Christians, not to forget the heathen when supplicating a throne of grace; and as the Lord prospers us, so let us give, for the "Lord loveth the cheerful giver."

Respectfully submitted, J. P. THOMPSON, Chairman.

(APPENDIX D.)

ON RELIGIOUS INSTRUCTION OF THE COLORED PEOPLE.

Your Committee is deeply impressed with the importance of this work, and with the obligations resting upon us as Christians, to furnish this class of our population with instruction in religious truth.

It is very well known that in our churches generally, a part of each Sabbath is allotted by the pastor in a special service to the colored

people. This should be, and we have no doubt will be, continued. In addition to this, we would earnestly recommend the adoption of some system of Sabbath School instruction. The actual relation of these people does not release us from our responsibilities in this matter, but on the contrary, furnishes additional motives for increased effort for their spiritual training. Let it not be said that no man cares for their souls; rather let us address ourselves to their improvement and elevation in things that make for their salvation.

L. L. Fox, Chairman.

(APPENDIX E.)

ON INDIAN MISSIONS.

The disturbed state of the country for the last four years has broken up the system of Missionary labor among the Indians. Efforts are now being made by the Board of Domestic and Indian Missions to revive their operations among this people, which we trust will result not only in re-establishing our missions, but in a large extension of their work in this interesting field of labor. W. H. McIntosh.

(APPENDIX F.)

ON DOMESTIC MISSIONS.

At no period in all the past has there been a greater demand for earnest effort in this great work than there is at the present moment. The recent troubles that have passed over our land, have made Zion almost a desolation in many places where once she flourished as the garden of the Lord. Many sections of our former domestic field are left without an organized church, a house of worship or a living minister, and yet there are scores of people there who need, and must have, the bread of life, or miserably perish. New fields are inviting the heralds of the Cross to enter and sow the seeds of life; and God has given us the blessed promise that "whatsoever we sow, that shall we also reap." Let us sow the seed in the morning, and withhold not our hand in the evening, knowing that our labor is not in vain in the Lord.

Resolved, That as an Association, churches, members and ministers, we will, by the help of His grace, use the means and talents which God has given us to obey the command of our blessed Lord.

Respectfully, &c., S. R. Freeman, Chairman.

(APPENDIX G.)

ON TEMPERANCE.

Your Committee would not offer a lengthy report. We would, however, denounce the habit of drinking ardent spirits as a most dangerous one. We would also denounce all drinking saloons, and let the keepers of them know that we even despise their calling. We would admonish the young men of our country to shun the dangerous and ruinous path of Intemperance. C. C. Huckabee, Chairman.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	COUNTIES.	PASTORAL SUPPLY.	Rec'd by Baptism.	Rec'd by Letter.	Dismissed by Letter.	Excommunicated.	Restored.	Deceased.	Total in Fellowship.	Association Fund.	Minute Fund.	Total.
Antioch.	Perry.	J. P. Thompson.	3		5			2	36		1 50	1 50
African—Mobile.	Mobile.											
Bethsaida.	Greene.	J. B. Pool.			3	7		2	43	1 00	4 00	3 00
Bethel.	Bibb.	R. Keith.	1		6			2	50	1 50	2 50	2 50
Cahaba.	Dallas.											
Concord.	Perry.											
Fellowship.	Perry.											
Friendship.	Perry.	C. J. Crews.	3	2	2		1	3	165	1 00	4 00	5 00
Greensboro—Col'd.	Greene.	J. B. Pool.	73	1	5	2	1	10	728	2 00	3 00	5 00
Hepsibah.	Perry.											
Hopewell.	Perry.	S. R. Freeman.	40						324		8 50	8 50
Liberty.	Dallas.											
Macedonia.	Greene.	W. A. Stevens.							24		1 00	1 00
Medline.	Perry.	J. M. Heard.	18	11	3		1	1	120		2 50	2 50
Mt. Eden.	Perry.	C. J. Crews.	19	2					91	1 00	4 00	5 00
Mt. Pleasant.	Perry.											
Mt. Zion.	Bibb.	R. Wood.		1	3			5	53		4 00	4 00
Mt. Pleasant.	Tuscaloosa.	J. P. Thompson.	5	4	7	1			105	1 00		1 00
Mt. Hebron.	Greene.											
Mt. Gilead.	Bibb.	J. W. McCullough.	17					1	66			
Newbern.	Greene.	S. R. Freeman.	4	1	4	3		2	249	5 00	5 00	10 00
Newhope.	Perry.	A. J. Russel.	6	2	1		1	2	37		1 50	1 50
Oemulgee.	Perry.	I. U. Wilkes.	16	1	2		1	3	243	2 00	2 00	4 00
Pine Flat.	Perry.											
Pisgah.	Perry.											
Pilgrim's Rest.	Perry.	H. P. Griffin.		6	10	1	3		16	1 00	2 00	3 00
Pleasant Hill.	Tuscaloosa.	Carter Tubb.							24	50	2 50	3 00
Providence.	Perry.											
Sardis.	Perry.	Carter Tubb.	12	6	2	2	1	1	98	1 00	2 00	3 00
Siloam.	Perry.	W. H. McIntosh.	3	5	7	3	1		818	5 00	5 00	10 00
Selma.	Dallas.											
Shiloh.	Perry,	J. M. Heard.	14	6	2	3	1		133		2 00	2 00
Salem.	Greene.	A. T. Spalding.										
St, Louis st.—Col'd.	Mobile.											
Union.		C. J. Crews.			2		2		50	1 00	1 00	2 00
Uniontown.	Perry.	L. L. Fox.	40		2	10		4	70		3 50	3 50
Uniontown African.	Perry.										2 00	2 00

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